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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Selection of Director of Department of Public Safety

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today named Robert C. Halliday as the new Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

“The security of our children and families must be maintained regardless of our State’s challenging economic conditions, and it continues to be a top priority of my Administration,” said Governor Jan Brewer. “Bobby Halliday will provide 37 years of law enforcement service and leadership to the Department, over 35 years at DPS alone. His passion and dedication to the heroic men and women of our law enforcement community is admirable, as is his commitment to maintaining the highest level of service to our citizens.”

Prior to his appointment as Director of DPS, Robert Halliday was the Commander of the Emergency Operations Center where he established emergency protocol procedures through placement and training of skilled individuals. As Commander of the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) from 2004-2007, he was responsible for managing more than 200 federal, state and local law enforcement personnel, whose objective was to enhance and coordinate counter terrorism intelligence and other investigative support efforts in the sharing and distribution of information on a state, national and international level.

Additional leadership roles in Mr. Halliday’s public safety career include Commander of the East Valley Highway Patrol Bureau, Criminal Investigations Division/Drug Enforcement Bureau Division Chief, and Criminal Investigations Division Bureau Chief. He began his career in law enforcement as a field officer at the Flagstaff Police Department from 1971-1973 and served at DPS from 1973-2008. Mr. Halliday is a veteran who honorably served our nation in combat with the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army from 1967-1973.

Mr. Halliday received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from Arizona State University where he graduated with honors.

Director Vanderpool will continue to serve as Director of DPS through January 31, as he works closely with Mr. Halliday through a seamless transition period.

“I wish to thank and commend Director Roger Vanderpool for his many years of honorable service to the people of the State of Arizona,” said Governor Brewer. “Director Vanderpool is a dedicated, principled, and humble public servant who has served the Department of Public Safety with distinction.”

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